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Young and Eagles Poised to Take the Next Step In Creating Avila University Football Tradition

Ten seniors set to lead young but talented team

Everyone knows the saying "Rome wasn't built in a day"...well The Eternal City lasted for about 1000 years giving birth to foundations in education, engineering, religion, architecture, war, art, and many other important factors in our everyday life. Just as Julius Caesar played a critical role in the transformation of the Roman Republic into the Roman Empire, Bruce Young and his staff are attempting to transform the Avila University football team into one of the top programs in the Heart of America Athletic Conference. The Eagles are starting just their 9th season of college football, and Young and his players have witnessed many of the growing pains and struggles you would expect from such a youthful program. Although Dasta Stadium is not yet quite the architectural wonder as the Colosseum, there is an excitement building around the Avila University football team about what this year's team can accomplish, both on and off the football field.

The 2008 season promises to be another step in the right direction, with many reasons to be excited for the Avila University football team. To begin with, this year's recruiting class was the largest in school history loaded with players from top high school programs throughout the region. This coupled with the strength of the veteran leadership from some top returning players such as senior wide receiver, Doug Wendel (Blue Valley West), voted All-HAAC first team on the offense, and the defense will be anchored by senior linebacker Nick Ward-Bopp (Crawfordsville, IN) All-HAAC honorable mention. In all, Avila is returning 10 seniors and 24 lettermen to the field this year. The veteran leadership coupled with a quality recruiting class, ready to fill a position immediately, will create an unprecedented atmosphere of winning at Avila University.

The Eagles have taken huge strides on the field on both sides of the ball under Young's 4 year tenure. The offense doubled their total points scored from 120 in 2006 to 240 points scored in 2007, increased their passing yards by 1000 yards over 2006 totals, increased passing touchdowns from 11 in 2006 to 22 in 2007, yards per game increased by 80 yards and has climbed every year since 2004, passing efficiency increased by 20% in 2007, rushing touchdowns increase to over one a game (11) from 6 in 2006, and the total offense gained almost 150 more yards a game in 2007 than in 2006 (446-307). The defense also had some significant increases in 2007 with interceptions increasing by over one a game to 21 (10 in 2006), with sacks also increasing by over 1 a game to 22.5 (12 in 2006). The 2008 Eagles will continue to build on these and other areas while focusing on the most important number...the number of victories.

Starting his 4th season as the head coach of the Eagles, Coach Young's commitment to establishing and maintaining a high academic standard is at the core of his coaching philosophy. Along with his coaching staff, they believe any successful program begins with quality student-athletes, but it does not end there. Recruiting good student-athletes is the first step; however, the next step is to provide them with the tools to be successful in the classroom. The Eagles have established a tradition of going to class and regularly attending study hall. This has resulted in an overall G.P.A. of 3.10 for the team this spring semester (highest in school history) with 3 players with a 4.0 G.P.A., and 4 players named to the NAIA Academic All-American Team! The philosophy culminates by making sure every athlete graduates from Avila upon finishing their careers in football and preparing them for their most important career, to be successful husbands, fathers, and community members.

The Eagle coaching staff is anchored by Dan Scheible, a former player for Coach Young, in his 3rd year as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. Scheible's package is responsible for the Eagles much improved production in the last 2 seasons. Marty Steward, the defensive coordinator and linebacker coach, returns for year two, having coached on the staff at Grambling University. Coach Steward's defense will bring on some toughness not seen before at Avila. Brad Gaines returns for his second year as special teams coordinator and running backs coach. Tom Irvin, who is going into his 3rd year, will switch sides of the ball to coach wide receivers. Gaines and Irvin, both highly successful high school coaches, join the college ranks with Young to help Avila continue building the program. Leonard Casey, former team captain and an original Avila football player, returns to coach the defensive secondary and will bring great knowledge of the HAAC to this year's staff. New coaches joining the Eagle staff this year include Jim Dalton, Gary Carl, and Josh Dalton. Jim Dalton will coach the quarterbacks, while Gary Carl and Josh Dalton will coach on the defensive side of the ball with Carl leading the linebackers and Josh Dalton coaching the defensive line. Student coach, Will Harrahill will assist with the offensive line and tight ends.

The Eagles are poised and equipped for the challenges of the 2008 season in the Heart of America Conference, with a non-conference contest against Haskell Indian Nations University. The Eagles will provide an exciting brand of football and they are expecting big dividends from their hard work. There is one thing for certain for this 2008 Avila University Eagle football team, they are ready to take a giant leap forward and build upon the foundation already laid, creating a long-lasting dynasty.

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A message from the **PRESIDENT**



It is exciting to begin another year for Eagle athletics. Our athletes are working hard, coaches have prepared them well, and families are ready to offer the support they always do to help their sons and daughters to succeed, not only on the field or court, but in the classroom, as well. Avila athletes are challenged not just to be highly skilled and competitive athletes, not just to succeed in the classroom, but also to develop themselves as fine individuals prepared to make a significant contribution to their community and their world. Avila scholar-athletes learn valuable skills of teamwork and self-discipline. These skills prepare them to be the inspired, insightful, integrated, inclusive, innovative, and influential leaders we strive for with all of our graduates. I thank each and every one of them for the sacrifices they make, the commitment they display, and most importantly for being such great ambassadors of Avila University.

I also want to thank the parents for the countless hours they have spent supporting their son or daughter, and encouraging them to pursue excellence on and off the field. I join the entire campus community in wishing our athletes great success during the 08/09 season.

Ronald A. Slepitza

Sincerely,
Ronald A. Slepitza, Ph.D.
President



Eugene Peoples – Sports Information Director is starting his first year as Sports Information Director at Avila University, and his 10th year in collegiate athletics. Eugene worked for 8 years as an Assistant Baseball Coach for Manchester College, Eastern New Mexico University, and Virginia Intermont College. For 6 years, Peoples was an Assistant Professor of Sport Management at Virginia Intermont College while serving 1 year as the Faculty Athletic Representative. He also worked 4 years with the Chicago White Sox. Eugene also works in the International Student Services Office at Avila as the coordinator of International Student Services.

Eugene his wife Darby (Dean of Students at Avila University), and their 2 daughters Eleanor (6) and Abygail (3) live in south Kansas City, MO.



Dr. Fred Geer- Faculty Athletic Representative is Avila's specialist in educational and psychological assessment. He has worked as a school psychologist and consultant for area school districts and as a Resource Specialist for North Central Accreditation. He teaches a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses and serves as the academic advisor for special education majors. Dr. Geer regularly supervises student teachers. He is also the faculty athletics representative.



Doris Frede – Assistant Professor School of Business is assistant professor in the School of Business teaching accounting courses. She currently is Coordinator of Undergraduate Business Advising, meeting all prospective business students, explaining curricular requirements and serving as academic advisor for all first year business students. She assists Dr. Fred Geer as associate faculty athletic representative.



JoAnn Immele – Administrative Assistant enters her 5th year as the athletic department office manager. As office manager, JoAnn assists with all the administrative functions of the department and is a valuable resource to Eagle athletes and coaches.

In May 2000, she received Avila's Medal of Honor. Away from Avila, Immele is active in the historical preservation and renovation of the Grandview, MO area. She has received special recognition from the Girl Scouts for her work as a Leader and has volunteered her time in other community endeavors such as local sports and school activities.

JoAnn and her husband, Chris reside in Grandview MO, and are the parents of Sarah and Katie.



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RECORDS

OFFENSE

Career Rushing Yd	3312	Kevin Furderer	2001-2004
Career Rushing T.D.	23	Kevin Furderer	2001-2004
Career Receiving Yd	2430	Richard Cooper	2001-2003
Career Receiving T.D.	20	Richard Cooper	2001-2003
Career Passing Yd	3758	Billy Firn	2006-2007
Career Passing T.D.	30	Billy Firn	2006-2007
Career Pass Completions	384	Billy Firn	2007
Career Pass Attempts	679	Billy Firn	2007
Season Rushing Yd	989	Kevin Furderer	2003
Season Rushing T.D.	9	Kevin Furderer	2003
Season Receiving Yd	887	Richard Cooper	2003
Season Receiving T.D.	9	Richard Cooper	2003
Season Receptions	76	Doung Wendel	2007
Season Pass Completions	239	Billy Firn	2007
Season Pass Attempts	402	Billy Firn	2007
Season Passing Yd	2326	Billy Firn	2007
Season Passing T.D.	21	Billy Firn	2007

DEFENSE

Career Tackles	313	David Garner	2001-2004
Pass Breakups	71	Aaron Jones	2001-2004
Tackles For A Loss	24	Jerimiah West	2001-2004
Interceptions	19	Aaron Jones	2001-2004
Fumble Recoveries	8	Aaron Jones	2001-2004
Forced Fumbles	8	Anthony Rigolizzo	2001-2004
		Leonard Casey	2001-2005
Sacks	24.5	Jerald Groves	2001-2004
Blocked Field Goals	4	Aaron Jones	2001-2004
Blocked Extra Points	4	Aaron Jones	2001-2004
Blocked Punts	2	Aaron Jones	2001-2004
Season Tackles	113	Nick Saviano	2007
Season Pass Breakups	21	Aaron Jones	2004
Season Tackles For A Loss	15	Nick Ward-Bopp	2007
Season Interceptions	6	Aaron Jones	2004
Season Sacks	8	Jerald Groves	2003

SPECIAL TEAMS

Career Punt Average	39.0	Matthew Witcher	2002-2005
Career Punting Yards	4877	Matthew Witcher	2002-2005
Longest Punt	67	Matthew Witcher	2002-2005
Career Field Goal Pct.	64.2	Massimo Scaccia	2001-2004
Career Field Goals	43	Massimo Scaccia	2001-2004
Longest Field Goal	55	Massimo Scaccia	2001-2004
Career Extra Points	56	Massimo Scaccia	2001-2004
Career Extra Point Pct.	91.8	Massimo Scaccia	2001-2004
Season Punt Average	40.0	Matthew Witcher	2004
Season Field Goals	12	Massimo Scaccia	2002,2003

Avila Eagles'

2008 FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP



BRUCE YOUNG Coach Young enters his fifth year coaching at Avila, fourth season as the head coach of the Eagles. With the assistance of both his offensive and defensive coordinators and a great mixture of veterans and a with the largest recruiting class in Avila's history from top high school programs throughout the region, Young is ready to build on last years successes and turn them into more victories on the scoreboard. Under his guidance, this year promises to be a step in the right direction for the Eagles for 2008 and many years to come.

A member of the Missouri High School Coaches Hall of Fame, Young enjoyed success at three different high schools including; Norborne, Marceline, and Ray-Pec High Schools. Coach Young's Hall of Fame coaching career is compiled with an impressive coaching record of 184-92-1 over 28 years in the high school ranks, with only 5 losing seasons. Young has also been an assistant coach at the collegiate level form more than five seasons, including a four year stint at conference foe, Baker University (Baldwin City, KS).

Too many times in the world of sports the sole measurement of success is on the win total. Even though Coach Young strongly believes the wins are coming, wins and losses are not the only measure of success in the Eagle program. He stresses three major points: 1) recruit good people that have a desire to earn a degree; 2) provide opportunity for academic support and ensure retention of the athletes; and 3) graduate the players. He believes that with these three goals in mind, success with come to the program and will undoubtedly help his young men be better fathers, husbands, and members of the community after graduation.

"Our success is when a player graduates and gets his degree. Your degree will be with you for the rest of your life. Whether the score of the game is 38-7 or 7-6 my players better be in class," says Coach Young. This type of dedication is very apparent by the 3.10 team G.P.A. (highest in school history) in the spring semester, including 3 players with a 4.0 G.P.A!

Since taking over the head coaching responsibilities, Young has stressed accountability with his teams. Believing the team is only as strong as they are united, coach has put the team in various situations where they have been given the opportunity to grow together. The team is active in the community, volunteering and contributing several times throughout the year.

Young is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, MO). Coach Young and his wife of 38 years, Dwyla have three daughters Julie, Lindy, and Kara. Coach Dwyla Young is an assistant softball coach at Avila.

COACHES - OFFENSE



DAN SCHEIBLE returns to the Avila for his third year and in his first season as the Eagle's offensive coordinator. Scheible works closely with Coach Young and is a vital reason for the Avila football team's offensive surge over the past

two seasons. This is Coach Scheible's first season overseeing the entire offense, and the Eagles look to continue their offensive prowess and build on the offensive numbers laid out the last two seasons. During his tenure overseeing the offense, the Eagles have seen a surge in their offensive production, beginning with doubling their points scored from 120 in 2006 to 240 last season. The offense has seen other dramatic increases in their two year totals including increasing total passing yards by 1000 yards, gained almost 150 more yards a game, increased passing efficiency by 20%, and doubling their touchdowns scored in 2007 over the 2006 numbers.

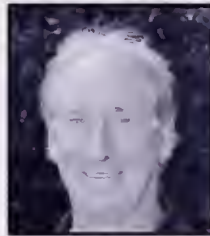
Before coming to Avila, Dan has enjoyed many successes at other institutions including stops at Joplin High School (Joplin, MO), Jasper High School (Jasper, MO), Galena High School (Galena, KS), Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, MO), Cameron University (Lawton, OK) (1986 NAIA Div I National Champion - Runner Up, 1987 NAIA Div I National Champions), Missouri Southern State (Joplin, MO) (1993 MIAA

Champions 11-1 and undefeated in the regular season), and Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, MO) (1979 MIAA Champions).

Scheible was a former player for Coach Young and is a graduate of Norborne High School (Norborne, MO) and Northwest Missouri State University. He was a three-year letterman at center for Northwest, and during his senior year (1978), he was named the Bearcat's Most Inspirational Player and a Squad Co-Captain. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Education (1980) and his Master's Degree in Education in 1982.



BRAD GAINES begins his second year on the staff at Avila. Coach Gaines has enjoyed a successful career as a head high school coach. Coach Gaines was head coach at Orrick and Oak Grove. Coach Gaines will coach the running backs and coordinate the Eagles special teams. Gaines is also a member of the MO High School coaches Hall of Fame.



TOM IRVIN has switched sides of the ball as he begins his third year on the football staff. Coach Irvin coached on the defensive side of the ball the previous two seasons and now coaches the wide receivers. Tom

played college football at University of Central Missouri. Coach Irvin's previous coaching stops have been at William Jewell College, Baker University and successful stints as a head high school football coach at Raytown and Ruskin.



JIM DALTON will coach the quarterbacks at Avila in his first year on the football staff. Coach Dalton played college football at Pittsburg (KS) State University and Missouri Southern. Jim has coached quarterbacks at many levels and brings a great deal of experience in quarterback play to the Eagles.



WILL HARAHILL was a two year starter at Avila, and he will assist Coach Scheible with the offensive line and tight ends. Harahill's game experience and his toughness as a player will greatly benefit the Eagle's offense. Will is completing his undergraduate degree at Avila.



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COACHES - DEFENSE



MARTY STEWARD

Coach Steward enters his second year on the staff at Avila and his first as the defensive coordinator. Marty, a native of Ingelwood, CA, played college football at Los Angeles Valley Community College and

completed his playing career at Tennessee Tech University (Cookeville, TN).

Just like the offense, the Eagle defense saw dramatic improvements under the guidance of Coach Steward. Last season, the Eagles increased their sacks by over 1 a game to 22.5 (12 in 2006), while increasing the number of interceptions, also by over 1 a game, to 21 (10 in 2006). Coach Steward and his staff will run a straightforward, "get after them" style of defense which promises to exhibit a toughness and physical style of play not yet seen at Avila.

Starting his 20th year of coaching, Steward has coached at Tennessee Tech University, Langston University (Langston, OK), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (Pine Bluff, AR), Trinity Valley Junior College (Athens, TX) with the highlight being a season at Grambling (Grambling, LA) on legendary college coaching legend, Eddie Robinson. Players from each school coached by Steward were taken in the NFL draft, including Donte Wesley from Arkansas-Pine Bluff, a 2004 Super Bowl participant with the Carolina Panthers.

Marty earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Health and Physical Education from Langston University.



LEONARD CASEY

enters his second year as the defensive secondary coach for the Eagles. Coach Casey is a graduate of Central (MO) High School in Kansas City and enjoyed a stellar career as a defensive back at Avila

and was a senior on the 2005 squad. Coach Casey is back on the Avila campus completing work towards a graduate degree.



JOSH DALTON

begins his first year at Avila. Coach Dalton is a graduate of Missouri Southern and played linebacker for the Lions. Coach Dalton comes to Avila from McAuley (MO) Catholic High School

where he coached at the varsity level. Josh will coach the defensive line for the Eagles and is enrolled in graduate school at Avila.



GARY CARL

begins his career on the football staff at Avila University and will coach the linebackers. Coach Carl's previous coaching stops have been at Theodore Roosevelt (IA) High School and Grandview (MO). Coach Carl

is a graduate of Upper Iowa University and is working toward a graduate degree at Avila.



BILL MAAS joins the staff of Avila football, in a newly created Football Development position. Maas, a graduate of the Univ. of Pittsburg, where he was a two time All-American, and then was the Kansas City Chiefs

number one pick in the 1984 draft. In his playing days with the Chiefs, he was three times chosen as All-Pro, and played in 11 play-off games. With 12 years as a Fox Sports broadcaster and 22 years of NFL experience, Coach Maas has brought instant knowledge to all phases of the Avila Football program. His duties include: day to day practice evaluation, player development, film analyst to coaches, and program improvement coordinator. Head coach Bruce Young and Maas have remained friends thru out his career, as Young spent 6 years as Maas's Kansas City football camp coordinator.



2008 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
9/6/2008	Culver-Stockton*	1:00pm	HOME
9/13/2008	Lindenwood*	6:00pm	St. Charles, MO
9/20/2008	Benedictine*	1:00pm	HOME
9/27/2008	Graceland*	6:00pm	Lamoni, IA
10/4/2009 (2008 Homecoming)	William Jewell*	1:00pm	HOME
10/11/2008	Evangel*	1:30pm	Springfield, MO
10/18/2008	Central Methodist*	1:00pm	HOME
10/25/2008	Missouri Valley*	2:00pm	Marshall, MO
11/1/2008	Mid-American Nazarene*	1:00pm	HOME
11/8/2008	Haskell	1:00pm	HOME
11/15/2008	Baker*	1:00pm	Baldwin City, KS

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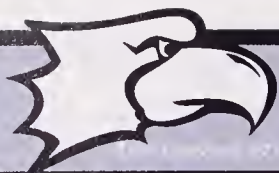
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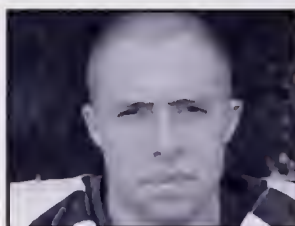
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1 ANTHONY KELLY
SR WR 6'1 170 CHAFFEY
(CA) CC



2 SPENCER DAVIS
SR DB 6'1 190
ST PIUS (MO) HIGH



3 JUSTIN MCCOWN
FR/RS QB 6'1 200
HILMAR (CA) HIGH



4 MIKE PEEPLE
SO DB 5'10 200
O'HARA (MO) HIGH



5 RODRICK COBY
JR RB 5'11 210
HUTCHINSON (KS) CC



6 MATT VARNER
SR FB 5'11 200
LIBERTY (CO) HIGH



7 ROB KENNEDY
FR QB 6'0 190
PARKWAY CENTRAL (MO) HIGH



8 JESSE RICHARDSON
SO LB 6'0 220
CASS MIDWAY (MO) HIGH



9 MARC BENAVIDES
FR QB 5'11 195
TROY (MO) HIGH



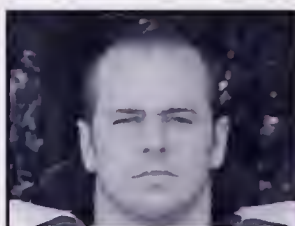
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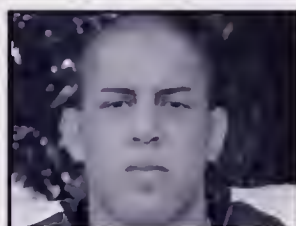
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SR DB 6'0 220
ST MARY'S (KS) UNIVERSITY



12 DERICK BARNES
FR/RS QB 6'0 190
KEARNEY (MO) HIGH



13 NICK WARD-BOPP
SR LB 5'11 220
CRAWFORDSVILLE (IN) HIGH



14 TREVOR LEWIS
FR/RS WR 5'11 190
NEOSHO (MO) HIGH



16 C.J. MOORE
JR DB 5'11 180
LEE'S SUMMIT W (MO) HIGH



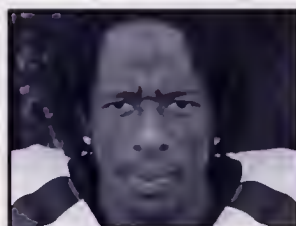
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MARSHFIELD (MO) HIGH



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FR QB 6'1 220
NEVADA (MO) HIGH



19 TOBY CASHELL
SR DB 5'11 175
OSCEOLA (MO) HIGH



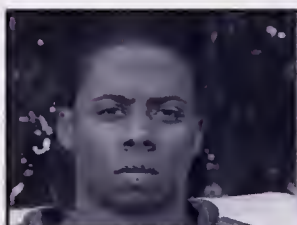
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GLENDALE (MO) HIGH



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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (MO)



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NIXA (MO) HIGH



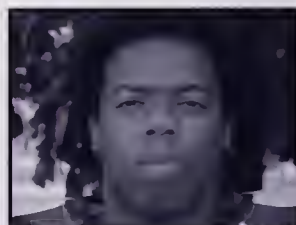
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TRUMAN (MO) HIGH



24 ANDREW KORTH
SO K 6'2 200
GRANDVIEW (MO) HIGH



25 TYLER CARDWELL
FR DB 5'10 165
BLUE SPRINGS (MO) HIGH



26 KOLLIN WOODBURY
JR RB 5'10 200
COLLEGE OF THE DESERT (CA)



27 TY POSTLEWAIT
FR DB 6'0 200
BELTON (MO) HIGH



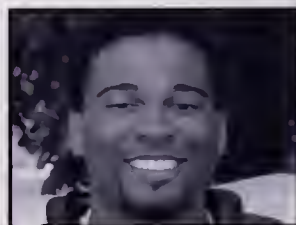
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BELTON (MO) HIGH



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FR LB 5'11 190
WYLEY (TX) HIGH

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33 CODY LANGSTON
RS LB 5'10 205
CARL JUNCTION (MO) HIGH



34 ROBERT DEGEORGE
JR DB 6'2 220
NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE



35 BOBBY ZAJICEK
FR FB 6'0 220
WELLINGTON (FL) HIGH



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NIXA (MO) HIGH



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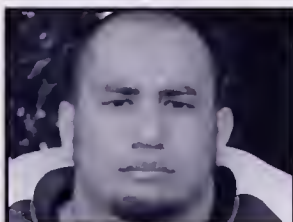
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PINE CREEK (CO) HIGH



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SR DB 6'0 190
SM NORTHWEST (KS) HIGH



50 TJ PALETAOGA
FR OL 6'3 300
BLUE SPRINGS (MO) HIGH



51 RYAN HONEYCUTT
FR DS 6'0 220
BLUE SPRINGS S (MO) HIGH



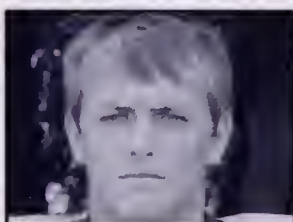
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FR OL 5'11 220
CHILLICOTHE (MO) HIGH



53 JARED STUMPE
FR LB/DL 6'0 240
ST DOMINIC (MO) HIGH



54 ZACH JOHNSON
SO OL 6'3 295
KEARNEY (MO) HIGH



55 JOSH HEWITT
FR OL 6'1 250
VIANNEY (MO) HIGH



56 RYAN BRENNER
SR OL 6'2 240
CAMDENTON (MO) HIGH



57 CHRIS MOREFIELD
FR OL 6'3 285
BLUE SPRINGS S (MO) HIGH



58 PHILLIP MCCABE
FR DE 6'0 220
BLUE SPRINGS (MO) HIGH



59 DERRICK LEWIS
FR DE 6'2 220
LONGVIEW (MO) CC



65 DON KISER
FR OL 5'10 240
NIXA (MO) HIGH



70 CHRIS SMITH
FR DL 5'10 250
BLUE SPRINGS (MO) HIGH



71 KYLE DILKES
SO DL 6'2 280
NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA STATE



72 DALE DEETZ
FR OL 6'0 240
NIXA (MO) HIGH



73 CHRIS CRAWFORD
FR DL 5'10 230
ST PIUS (MO) HIGH



74 ALEX TAYLOR
FR DL 6'0 240
TURNER (KS) HIGH



75 JEFF BROOKS
FR OL 6'1 255
WICHITA NW (KS) HIGH



76 KRISTOFER MOORE
FR OL 6'4 300
CENTER (MO) HIGH



78 DEONTA WADE
FR OL 6'2 300
LEBANON (MO) HIGH



79 SHAWN SULLIVAN
FR DL 6'2 220
SPRINGFIELD CATH (MO) HIGH



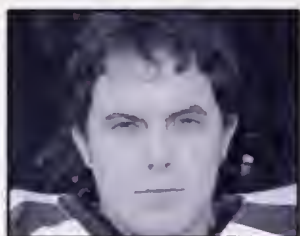
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SO WR 5'9 180
MESA (CA) CC



81 JOE PARKHURST
FR WR 5'10 180
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MO



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83 MATT RODENBERG
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KEARNEY (MO) HIGH



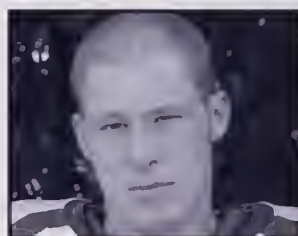
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85 JEREMY DAVILA
FR/RS WR 5'9 170
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86 JOSH LOHKAMP
FR TE 6'3 230
NIXA (MO) HIGH



87 KODY PARKER
FR TE 6'3 250
LEBANON (MO) HIGH



88 MJ BLAND
SO WR 5'9 170
WISCONSIN - RIVER FALLS



91 TREY SWAGER
FR TE 6'3 220
STUART (FL) HIGH



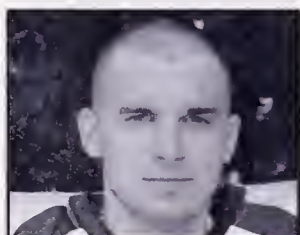
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93 JARRETT BROOKS
FR DL 6'1 270
LINCOLN PREP (MO) HIGH



94 C KENNARD
FR WR 5'8 160
NIXA (MO) HIGH



96 JACOB ZINN
FR/RS K 5'9 170
PLEASANT HILL (MO) HIGH



97 PETER KONDRACKI
FR DL 6'3 255
SEMINOLE RIDGE (FL) HIGH



99 LEON HAENEL
FR K 6'4 210
WILLIAM CHRISMAN (MO) HIGH



AVILA EAGLES 2008

Servicing over 300 athletes in 11 sports, the Avila University Sports Medicine staff provides pre-event preventative taping and bracing, on the field evaluation and emergency care, appropriate physician referral, and necessary follow-up rehabilitation. The athletic training facility is located inside the Mabee field house on the lower level.

Head Athletic Trainer Jason Means



Jason Means enters his 8th year as the head athletic trainer for Avila University. Means, a three-sport athlete at Creston High School (IA) and baseball standout at Southwestern Community College (IA) received his bachelor's

degree in athletic training in 1997 from Park University (MO).

Following graduation, Means moved on to Phoenix, AZ, where he completed his masters' degree in Sports Health Care at the Arizona School of Health Sciences. While in Arizona, Jason served as the athletic trainer at Phoenix's Central High School and spent the spring of 2000 as an intern for the San Francisco Giants Baseball Club during spring training.

Means then returned to the Kansas City area serving as an athletic trainer for Professional Rehab Service during the 2000-2001 school year working as the primary trainer for Paola High School.

Jason currently resides in Independence, MO with his wife Jennifer.

Assistant Athletic Trainer Candace Godwin



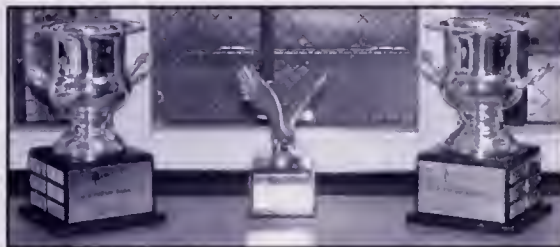
Candace Godwin begins her first year as assistant athletic trainer with Avila University.

Candace is no stranger to the Heart of America Conference. She attended Central Methodist University and played volleyball for the Lady Eagles.

While there she received her Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training, with a minor in Biology in 2006. After completing her undergraduate work, she went to graduate school at Indiana State University where she received her Masters of Science. At Indiana State, Candace worked with the NCAA Division I cross country and Track and Field teams. Upon completion of her work at Indiana State, she returned to the Heart of America Conference when she took the assistant athletic training job at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO.

During her time as a student, Candace received a wide range of experience with numerous sports. She also has been an instructor for anatomy and physiology courses at both Indiana State and William Jewell.

HONORING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



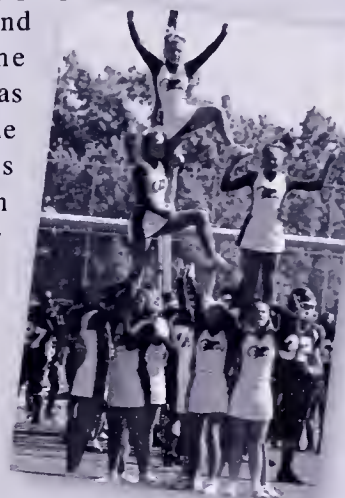
Avila's Dr. Fred Geer Academic Cups are awarded annually to the top academic performers among male and female AU athletes.

DANCE & CHEER



CHEER With the guidance of third-year head coach Brittany Baber, the Eagles have an intensive and comprehensive training program, which includes physical conditioning, and stunt development. The AU Cheerleaders have as their goal to support the interscholastic sports programs and the promotion

of school spirit as a whole. They strive to be "good-will ambassadors" of the University and of the community through the involvement in and promotion of programs and activities. They work together to attain excellence in their performance with the ultimate goal of competition at the national level.



DANCE Under the direction of head coach Cindy Freeman, the Glitter Girls feature many studio-trained dancers with both competitive and professional experience. The dance program's comprehensive instruction includes strenuous physical conditioning and intensive flexibility and technique training with the goal of challenging even the most experienced and talented dancers to continually improve and refine their dance skills and technique.





AVILA UNIVERSITY is a dynamic, Catholic, four-year liberal arts and preprofessional university, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The University offers a broad range of studies – from business to corporate communication and allied health, just to name a few. Avila offers nearly 40 undergraduate degree programs and three graduate degree programs, many of which were the first of their kind in the Kansas City area.

For example, Avila was one of the first colleges in the Kansas City area to offer programs in nursing, gerontology, and social work. We were also the first — and currently only — four-year Kansas City university to offer a paralegal program approved by the American Bar Association. We are one of only 23 colleges and universities in the entire country that offers a four-year degree in radiologic technology. We also offer the only accredited bachelor's degree in social work in the Kansas City area.

Come visit the campus at 119th and Wornall Road in suburban south Kansas City and discover even more surprises about Avila University!

EAGLES IN THE COMMUNITY

DANCING THE TIME AWAY For the last two years the Avila football program has volunteered their time and efforts at Villa Ventura Retirement Home. The offensive line goes to Villa Ventura on Valentine's Day and during the Spring Dance to dance with the patrons. The afternoon is filled with laughs and smiles as the players try to dance and the patrons try to teach the players how to dance. The exchange between the players and the patrons is priceless. Upon completion of the dance the players help serve cake and punch to everyone. Players attending included Matt Rodenberg, Ryan Brenner, Zach Johnson, Spencer Davis, CJ Moore and others.

2008 SPRING CLEAN-UP The Avila Football Eagles completed the second annual Spring Clean-Up in May. The team was divided into groups with group leaders. The groups went to homes in the Avila neighborhood with people in need of some young, strong bodies. The players cleaned gutters, raked leaves, mowed

lawns, trimmed hedges, washed windows and many other household chores. The clean-up was a great way to get out into the public and do some "good deeds" for people in the Avila neighborhood. Avila campus minister, Dave Armstrong provided names and addresses of people needing some help. Upon completion of the work the players and coaches gathered for a team meal. It was a great afternoon and was a positive experience for all.

PLAYERS READ AT MARTIN CITY ELEMENTARY For the past three years the Avila Eagles have been going to Martin City Elementary and volunteering time to help the students with their reading. The players go to MCES and help the students in one on one reading situations and reading assignments as a group. Through this exchange of information and time both the students and the players have a much greater appreciation for each other. This program has had a very positive impact on both the students and the players.

EAGLES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

WE INVITE YOU to become a member of the Eagle Athletic Association. Your generous support makes it possible for Avila University student-athletes to excel both in the classroom, and in their athletic endeavors. If you choose to do so, 50% of your gift can be designated to a specific athletic department program.

We look forward to the growth and development of the Eagle Athletic Association and the Eagle Athletic Department. Please contact Mike Sharpe, Director of Athletics, for more information: **816-501-3634**.



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University Enrollment	1,800
Mascot	Eagles
Colors	Purple & Gold
Stadium	Dasta Stadium (Rockhurst H.S.)
Capacity	6,000
Surface	Artificial Turf
Affiliation	NAIA
Conference	Heart of America